



## Pet Body Donation Guide

### Oregon Body Gift

Thank you for considering the donation of the body of your beloved animal companion to science. Your generous contribution can help advance medical research, providing valuable insights that may eventually benefit both human and veterinary medicine. We always adhere to ethical standards for research. To ensure a smooth and respectful process, we have outlined the essential information and steps for donating your pet's body to Oregon Body Gift.

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for donation, your pet must meet the following criteria:

- **Species and Size:** Currently, we accept pets that are commonly domesticated animals, such as dogs and cats. Your pet's body weight must be less than approximately 100 pounds due to handling and facility constraints.
- **Time Since Death:** The body must be received by our facility no later than 24 hours after death to ensure the integrity of biological tissues. This timeframe is crucial for maintaining the quality of the donation for research. Euthanasia performed by a local veterinarian is one way to ensure this.
- **Weekday Donation:** Due to personnel constraints, we can currently only accept anatomical donations on weekdays during our standard business hours of 8 AM to 5 PM.
- **Health and Medical History:** A basic history of any known neurological conditions, such as cognitive impairment, may be useful in our research to help discover the causes of brain disorders. Information on any known transmissible diseases is also important to maintain the safety of our staff.

### Preparing for Donation

- **Pre-Registration:** While pre-registration is not mandatory, it is recommended. Pre-registration allows us to discuss and plan for the donation in advance, making the process smoother and more straightforward when the time comes.
- **Euthanasia:** Although not required, euthanasia performed by a local veterinarian helps meet the requirement that the body be received within 24 hours of death, and on a weekday. We advise discussing your intention to donate with your veterinarian.
- **Notification:** Please notify Oregon Body Gift in advance following the decision to schedule euthanasia, or immediately if your pet has passed naturally and you wish to donate. Prompt communication is critical.

### At the Time of Donation



## Oregon Body Gift Donation Program

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- Documentation: Please complete the consent for donation form, available on our website at <https://oregonbodygift.org/pets>. Filling out this form is required before we can accept the donation.
- Transportation: Pet owners are responsible for transporting their pet's body to our facility. Please ensure the body is brought to our facility within the specified timeframe to maintain eligibility for donation.

### After Donation

- Cremation and Ashes: If requested, cremated remains of the tissues not stored for research will be returned to you, either via pick-up at our facility or mail. This process typically takes several weeks.
- Our Gratitude: Donors have our deep appreciation for your generous gift. If you are interested in learning more about our research, please feel free to contact us.
- Support Resources: For support during this difficult time, you may wish to visit the Association for Pet Loss and Bereavement at <https://www.aplb.org/> for resources and guidance on pet loss.

### Contact Information

For more information, to pre-register, or to initiate the donation process, please contact us:

Phone: 503-581-1942

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